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Title: DRYING BASKET AND FASTENING DEVICE FOR
FASTENING A DRYING BASKET ON A CLOTHES
DRYER

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DE 40 34 660 discloses that a dryer includes drum, which rotates on a horizontal axis, and a loading opening at the front. The opening is closed by a door or a flap and the inner space behind the door or the flap has stationary mountings for laundry basket(s), which can be inserted into the drum interior. The loading opening is surrounded by a front-side bearing bracket resembling a frame. The bearing bracket or the door or the flap has contours that deviate from the circular line round the revolution axis of the drum. The contours form a form-locking connection with the shape of the washing basket front.

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